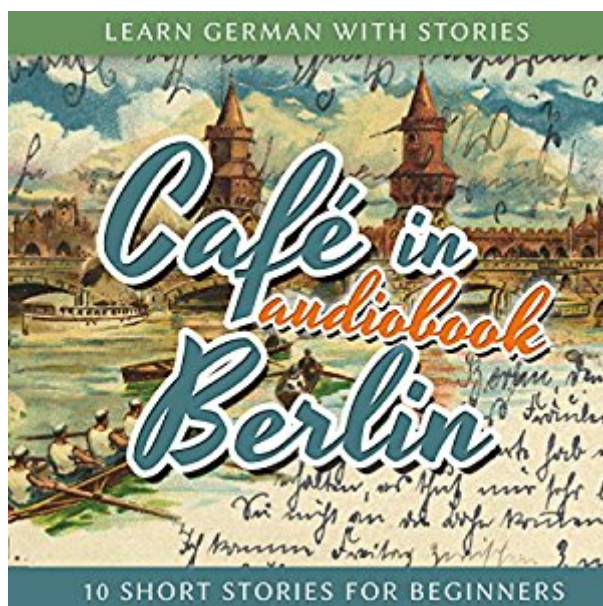


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Customer Reviews

I have this on the Kindle. I was pleased at how the author had selected a sufficiently constrained vocabulary that I was able to understand almost everything. Reading on the Kindle with a German dictionary installed makes it easy to look things up as you need, but a surprising amount becomes clear either from context, or from simply looking at the text. Many initially strange words turn out to be compound words which are understandable. I have at best an A1 level of understanding, and the text worked for me.

Improving one's reading proficiency in a foreign language can be tedious if it requires looking up words in a dictionary, even online. One solution is a bilingual book, of which there are now some good examples, like Alice in Wonderland with sentences or phrases alternating between German and English. This book takes a different approach, also successful, in my opinion. It contains ten

short chapters, each entirely in German. But harder words and phrases are in bold face and are translated at the end of each chapter. The story is entertaining, about a young man from Sicily living in Berlin with three roommates from different countries, and one can usually guess the meaning from context. I found that I absorbed new words without great effort. The level of German reading ability targeted is probably low intermediate.

Café In Berlin is really one story broken into ten chapters, rather than ten short stories, as the subtitle says. I am a mid 40's male attempting to relearn and expand my high school German. Along with some audio language programs, I've found Andre Klein's various titles and this one I like the best. It's mostly present tense, and written in a simple first person narrator point of view. His Sicilian character tells you all you need to know about being a foreigner in modern Berlin, trying to learn the language, fit in, have a good time, get a job and meet some girls. It's not stretching any literary boundaries, but there is some humor tucked into the story. Vocabulary is simple, his end of chapter translations of key vocab are good checkpoints, and he has a knack for storytelling. For me, it all added up to a great reading experience, not taxing, not frustrating, just enough of a challenge. Everyone's experience will vary according to their mastery of the language, naturally, so I think it would be impossible to call it a one size fits all book. But if you're wanting a no sweat simple piece to test your abilities, I don't think you can wrong here.

Perfect for my needs. I'm not an absolute beginner, however I'm not intermediate either. Learning words and phrases was getting frustrating, since I couldn't apply what I was learning. This series was a great solution. USEFUL sentences that would be used in normal everyday conversations. Interesting and humorous short stories that build upon one another. (I haven't read beyond the first book, yet. Therefore, not sure if this applies to each successive book in this series.) Wish I'd discovered this series and writer a long time ago. It would have solved or at the very least helped a lot of my frustrating study time.

German language scares me especially those interminable composed words. I am a German learner with basic knowledge. I was trying to practice reading in German News Sites but I was getting upset about my so-short skill for understanding their content. Then, I decided to look for more basic stuff but all I found was kids' books.. Until I came across André Klein' series of books for German beginners. I got started with Cafe in Berlin. This was the kind of reading I was looking for. The stories are short, funny, and well paced with respect to introducing new vocabulary. New words and

expressions are repeated throughout the book in a very natural way so that your short-term memory is asked to recall them, giving you the chance of shifting them into your long term memory. There is no Grammar review what also pleased me because my focus is on reading comprehension. I have been benefiting a lot of the book series.

It's an interesting story written about an Italian immigrant to Berlin and the challenges he faces in adapting to life there. I wanted to brush up on my German and it was a nice change of pace from the content of most German language textbooks.

I love this series. I happened to find the YouTube video first, was impressed by it, and then tried reading the first book. I'd been plodding through children's stories up to now, trying to really read something... ANYTHING... in German, but kid's books have their drawbacks. They often include odd vocabulary (as in, stories about giraffes and hippos) and obviously aren't intended to hold an adult's attention. "Café in Berlin" is geared to grown-ups, it uses contemporary vocabulary and situations, the continuing stories about the same main character are short enough to read in one sitting, they include humor, there is a glossary of new phrases after each chapter, and there are also a few questions after each chapter to check your comprehension. Yesterday I was working my way through Chapter Four and it suddenly dawned on me: I was reading German! I highly recommend this series for adult learners (to be clear, it's not for absolute beginners; you need to already have a reasonably good grasp of the basics).

This is the first book in a lively series about Dino, a likeable student of German from Sicily.

It's target audience is the advanced beginner student of German, and as a supplement to traditional study materials, it's perfect. All of the stories in the series are fun to read and filled with entertaining information about the culture and life in various places in the German-speaking world. For me, the Audible version was a terrific addition to the book and was a big help in improving my ability to understand spoken German. It also was an invaluable aide in learning to pronounce the language myself. So far, I think, Audible versions are available for the first four books in the series, and I plan to buy any others as they are produced.

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